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Dear s 47F, s 47E

PID handling complaint: Anonymous 2021-104592 - Preliminary Inquiry under s 7A of the *Ombudsman Act 1976*

Thank you for taking my call this afternoon.

As discussed, we have received an anonymous complaint about a PID investigated by former APSC official Kate McMullan (Our ref: PID-2020-400006). The PID was transferred from our Office to the APSC 11 May 2020 and was finalised by Ms McMullan on 9 December 2020. I understand that a redacted copy of the report was sent to the discloser on 23 December 2020.

This is a complaint under the *Ombudsman Act 1976* about the handling of Ms McMullan's investigation, it is not a new PID disclosure.

I am in the assessment phase and need to decide whether to exercise a discretion to decline or investigate the complaint. It would be helpful if I had an unredacted copy of the report and relevant investigation records.

As discussed, I would be grateful if you could provide the following documents:

1. An unredacted copy of Ms McMullan's s51 investigation report
2. A copy of any assessment records, witness statements, decision records and file notes relating to the investigation

I understand there has been some turnover in the Legal Services area since the original PID investigation and note the end of year holiday period is upon us. I would therefore be grateful if you could provide these documents within 10 working days by **COB Friday 7 January 2022**. Please let me know if you need more time to provide any of the documents. You are welcome to send documents to me in batches if that assists.

If you would like to discuss this request, please email me at pid@ombudsman.gov.au or directly s 47F, s 47E@ombudsman.gov.au.

Thanks in advance.

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